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DR. DEASON, FISHERY OFFICIAL, RESIGNS FROM FWS

The resignation of Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Foreign Activities since 1946, was announced today by Milton C. James, Acting Service Director. The resignation was effective September 5 and was dictated by reasons of health.

Dr. Deason, a native of Utah, joined the staff of the former Bureau of Fisheries in 1928 as an aquatic biologist at Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1940 he came into the Washington office of the Service and during World War II served as special assistant to the Deputy Coordinator of Fisheries. From 1944 to 1946 he was special assistant to the Director of the Service. In 1946 when the Office of Foreign Activities was established, Dr. Deason was placed in charge of it to coordinate and administer all Service activities in foreign countries and in the territorial possessions of the United States, except Alaska.

Dr. Deason has developed the Service program of technical assistance to foreign governments, which involves the assignment abroad of fish and wildlife experts, and the training of foreign nationals in the United States.

He has been active in whaling affairs since 1946, and returned in August from the third meeting of the International Whaling Commission at Capetown, where he served as deputy United States commissioner.

Dr. Deason aided in the development of international fishery agreements, including those for the tuna fisheries with Mexico and Costa Rica, and the agreement concerning the northwest Atlantic fisheries. He was chairman of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, which held its first meeting in Washington in April 1951.

Dr. Deason also resigned his membership on these two international commissions,

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